

of Dallas, and the Greater Dallas Community Relations Commission.

Tom Unis not only had a record of community involvement, but was also able to use an impressive educational background to gain success in his career. Mr. Unis received his law degree from the University of Texas and served in the Navy in World War II before he began practicing law in 1946. As a result of the war period, cases mounted in the District Attorney's office in Dallas. Mr. Unis, a young prosecutor after World War II, gained experience in the office of the District Attorney, working on cases accumulated from the War period. Tom recalled in an interview that, "we were trying cases morning, noon, and night." Mr. Unis' legal career extended well into the 1980's, when he made his services available to Pennzoil, in the Pennzoil v. Texaco corporate lawsuit. According to Tom, he was compelled to take the case because "it was the biggest piece of litigation that had come along in years." Though Mr. Unis was an incredibly successful attorney, having a four decade career with the firm, Strasburger and Price, he devoted a substantial portion of his time to public service.

Thomas Unis began his participation in the political realm in 1939, at the University of Texas, when he serenaded female students as part of a campaign for student office. In 1957, nearly two decades later, Mr. Unis remained involved in local politics, serving on the Dallas City Council. In the early 1960's J. Erik Jonsson ran for mayor with the backing of the Dallas Citizens' Charter Association. Jonsson eventually persuaded Mr. Unis to become his campaign manager for the mayoral race. Mr. Jonsson, with Tom Unis as his campaign manager, won the mayoral race, and ironically, Mr. Unis later became the president of the Dallas Citizens' Charter Association. During the 1980s, Thomas Unis served on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) board as an appointee of the Dallas County Commissioners Court. His presence on the DART board as well as the other associations had a significant impact on Dallas, which is why his participation was requested for a large number of public service endeavors.

Mr. Unis died at the age of 81, and is survived by his wife, Dorothy and four children, Tom, Joseph, Cheryl, and Mary. Though the City of Dallas will mourn the death of Mr. Unis, we should remember his own words: "I've had a lot of fun all my life," we should also celebrate his accomplishments, and the fact that he lived a long and memorable life. We all have lost an incredible person, but celebrate Mr. Unis's full and successful life.

HONORING YOSHITO TAKAHASHI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clovis native Yoshito Takahashi. Mr. Takahashi is among the 34 recipients worldwide to win a Medal of Honor from Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs. The award is the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays for his contributions to improving the status of Japanese Americans and the promotion of judo. In this country, the

award is typically given for promoting U.S.-Japan relations and community service. Fifteen people garnered the award in the United States.

Mr. Takahashi has left an indelible mark on healthcare in California's San Joaquin Valley. He helped build the first hospital in Clovis in 1950, and more recently participated in building a newer one. This hospital is a state-of-the-art healthcare facility serving not only the Clovis area but also the nearby mountain communities, including Yosemite National Park. For his service to the community and to healthcare, he was given a proclamation from the Mayor of the city of Fresno. The Board of the Community Health Foundation, which Mr. Takahashi served on for nine years, also recognized him at their annual Community Circle dinner in 1996.

Mr. Takahashi began his relationship with Community Hospitals of Central California (CHCC) when he joined the Board of Clovis Memorial Hospital in 1975. As a board member, he served on the Corporate Affairs Committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee, and the Physicians Relations Committee. Mr. Takahashi also served on the Audit Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee at Clovis Hospital. He continued to serve on the CHCC Foundation Board and until 1977, he was a member of the Foundation Committee responsible for Finance and Asset Management.

As he left his formal association with Community Hospitals of Central California, he left a relationship that started with a 40-bed hospital in Clovis and ended with much more. He was responsible for policy and support to a Community Healthcare System with an annual operating budget of over \$300 million and 1,000 beds, reaching out to people from Modesto to Bakersfield.

Mr. Takahashi has also been active in numerous community organizations and held various leadership positions within them. He has been involved with the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, the Clovis Unified School District Foundation, and the Legacy Fund for the JCL. Mr. Takahashi was a Fresno County representative to the California Freestone Peach Association, served as past Director of the Clovis Rotary Club, secretary-treasurer of the Clovis District Coordinating Council, Director/Founder of Clovis Community Bank, and as president of the Clovis Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles and is an active member of the Fresno Buddhist Church, of which he has been a member for 50 years.

Mr. Takahashi believes that participation in competitive sports is as important as community involvement. He has been president of the Central California Amateur Union and a life member of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States since 1974. Mr. Takahashi also served on the Jr. Olympic Judo Committee for 20 years and was an officer of the Central California Judo Black Belt Association.

Yoshito Takahashi has received numerous awards for his extensive community involvement. In 1977, he was named Clovis Citizen of the Year. Two years later, he was inducted into the Clovis Citizens Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Yoshito Takahashi for his time and service to his community and for promoting U.S. and Japan relations. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Takahashi, his wife, and family, many more years of continued success.

IN MEMORY OF FEDERAL JUDGE
FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR.

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Federal Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. As a federal judge, Judge Johnson's decisions literally shaped the future and the force of the civil rights movement in the 1960s. As an individual, he was a man whose commitment to his ideals and the law did not wane, despite considerable personal risk and significant sacrifice. Mr. Speaker, it is vital that Congress honor Judge Johnson for both of these roles, and to recognize the loss that his recent death represents.

Judge Johnson served on the U.S. District Court in Montgomery, Alabama, for twenty-five years, during the height of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. In that time he made several decisions that formed the thrust of the civil rights movement. In 1956, when deliberating the Montgomery bus boycott case, he outlawed segregation on public transportation, in parks, restaurants, libraries and schools. In the 1960s, Judge Johnson also signed the original order to integrate the University of Alabama, as well as the order to allow Martin Luther King Jr. and voting rights activists to march from Selma to Montgomery. Moreover, Judge Johnson participated in the decision that ultimately became the "one man, one vote" principal put forth by the Supreme Court.

Clearly, Judge Johnson's contribution to the civil rights movement was both significant and integral to its ultimate success. His impact was felt not only in Montgomery, but throughout the South and the nation as well. One must wonder to what extent the civil rights movement would have succeeded without the support, honesty, and courage of Judge Johnson.

While these decisions are hailed today as just and honest, Judge Johnson faced severe criticism, damaging slander, and even personal danger in the time that he made them. Then Governor George Wallace fueled his gubernatorial race by denouncing Judge Johnson, while his mother's home was bombed and a burning cross was placed on his own lawn. Yet Judge Johnson did not abandon his principles or his commitment to the law. He simply upheld the Constitution and did not question the consequences.

Judge Johnson was truly a great man, whose unwavering principles are too rare today. As a legislator, former judge and lawyer, I am personally inspired by Judge Johnson's commitment to the law, and am grateful for his influence and the example he set for us all. Indeed, I am fully aware that I was able to become the first African American Federal Judge in Florida because of the principles Judge Johnson promoted and the opportunities he made possible for the African Americans of my generation.

Today, I remember him for these opportunities, the strides he made in civil rights, the definition he gave to the movement, and most of all, his commitment to what he perceived as right and just. Judge Johnson deserves this recognition, and I hope my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to this legacy that he has left after him.

DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF
NONDISCRIMINATORY TREAT-
MENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLES
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition of providing normal-trade-relations status to the People's Republic of China, because China continues to deny the greater part of its citizenry the most basic human rights; because it engages in the worse kinds of religious, political, and ethnic persecution; because it bullies neighboring countries, and because it undermines international stability by exporting missiles and nuclear technology to some of the world's leading rogue nations.

Every year, we are told that normal-trade-relations status promotes continued economic growth and human rights in the People's Republic of China. While this trade has helped China expand its economy and improve the living standards of a relatively small number of its citizens, I believe it is an absolute stretch of the imagination to argue that China's economic growth has benefited the vast majority of its 1.5 billion citizens who continue to be denied—oftentimes forcibly—the freedom to think, speak, read, worship and vote as they wish.

I simply cannot agree with those who argue that normal-trade-relations will one day result in improved human rights in China as the government of that vast nation continues to violate human rights on a massive scale.

For example, the people of Tibet have been subject to especially harsh treatment by the Chinese Government because their culture and religion are inseparable from the movement that seeks full Tibetan freedom from China—a movement that has been brutally suppressed by the Chinese Government since the late 1940's when armed Chinese forces drove the Dalai Lama into exile.

Since then, the Chinese Government has stepped up its efforts to discredit the Dalai Lama as well as its campaign to eradicate the ancient culture and traditions of Tibet. In May 1994, a new ban on the possession and display of photographs of the Dalai Lama, resulted in a raid of monasteries in which Buddhist priests were brutally beaten by Chinese military personnel.

And it is not just the Buddhists that have been victims of this harassment. Since 1996, all religious institutions in China must register with the state. The failure to do so results in the closure of such institutions—or worse. For example, Human Rights Watch—Asia reports that unofficial Protestant and Catholic communities have been harassed, with congregants arrested, fined, sentenced, and beaten.

Even as recently as July 20, 1999, the Chinese Government has implemented large-scale arrests of Falun Gong practitioners in different parts of China. Falun Gong is a widely practiced meditation exercise that upholds the principles of truth, compassion, and forbearance. Although it has no political motivation or agenda, the Chinese Government has officially banned it as an illegal operation.

Sadly, China's policies have not changed since the United States and China have nor-

malized trade relations. It has persisted on following policies that threaten to make it an increasingly disruptive force among all other nations. China's continuing and growing practice of selling advanced weapons and nuclear technology to Iran, Iraq and other rogue nations, not to mention their theft of U.S. nuclear technology, makes it a threat to world peace.

It should be remembered that, like China today, South Africa had a growing economy, a growing middle class—albeit racially limited, a significant United States business presence, and a severely repressive government. And, just like the arguments supporting normal trade relations with China, it was argued that continued and increased United States trade with South Africa would bring about the economic, social, and political reforms that would inevitably force the South African Government to dismantle apartheid.

However, despite our continued trade relations, the Government of South Africa continued and, in fact, stepped up its campaign of repression and terror, including kidnapping, torture, jailing, and murder, to maintain apartheid. It took a worldwide trade embargo—not, increased trade—to convince a previously intractable South Africa to transform itself into the open and democratic society that it is today. The embargo—not, our previous policy of “constructive engagement”—convinced the South African leadership to, among other things, release Nelson Mandela from 27 years of imprisonment and recognize the African National Congress.

It took the Western World losing patience with the broken promises of the South African Government to bring about change.

It is time that we lose our patience with the People's Republic of China.

HONORING MARIA MORALES FOR
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to stand and honor my good friend, Maria Morales who, at the age of 105, passed away July 27th. Maria was a resident of Casa Otonal, an Hispanic residential and service community in New Haven, Connecticut.

Living for over a century, Maria witnessed many sweeping changes to our Nation's history. Born in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, she came to Connecticut with her son in 1958. For over 20 years she was an active and committed member of the Casa Otonal Senior Center—sharing a myriad of stories with her many friends and family. I often spoke with Maria during my many visits to Casa Otonal. Bright and articulate, she was well-versed in many areas including politics and had a unique gift for patchwork quilts and other hand-crafted specialties. Just this past May, Maria participated in the 13th Annual Centenarian Reception and was the oldest member of the honored group. “Maintaining a strong faith and an active lifestyle” was her secret to a long and successful life. With five children and dozens of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Maria's life was full and joyous. It was an honor to have known her.

Maria Morales was an exceptional woman and I am pleased to stand today to pay tribute

to my dear friend and join with her daughter, Domitila, granddaughter, Carmen, family, friends, and the Casa Otonal community as they celebrate her life. Her vitality and spirit continues to shine in the many wonderful memories of her that we all share.

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MENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLES
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SPEECH OF

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, the President has announced the extension of Normal Trading Relations with the People's Republic of China. I support his decision because I believe that U.S. interests are best served by a stable and open China. However, most importantly, I believe that normal relations with China is the most effective way to convince them to end their human rights abuses and join the international community in support of democracy.

We should demand that China abide by international trade and non-proliferation agreements, cooperate in regional and global peace-keeping security initiatives, and maintain and respect the human rights of the Chinese people.

Our total trade and exports to China has dramatically expanded. The United States maintains a large agricultural trade surplus with China (including Hong Kong), our fourth largest agricultural market. U.S. agricultural exports to China reached almost \$2.9 billion in 1998. In addition, engagement has produced significant breakthroughs in opening China's agricultural market.

If the United States chose not to continue normal relations, we would be the loser. China will find other trade countries to replace the U.S. goods now sold to China. Should I become convinced that ending our trade with China would be more effective in changing their human rights abuses and help achieve U.S. interests, I would vote to do so.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CYPRUS INVASION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the 25th anniversary of a bitter day in world history, the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Turkey's occupation of Cyprus now stands as the most lengthy and glaring example of contempt for the rule of law in the world today. The lack of enforcement of the scores of United Nations resolutions calling for the withdrawal of Turkey's illegal occupation forces remains a mark of unfulfilled responsibility in the global community.

Cyprus presents an exceptional opportunity for the United States to facilitate a successful solution because a settlement there is manageable. Cyprus is small in size and population, and it has clearly delineated borders as